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Community News



Messages from the Staff

From the Desk of Diane

The train is on the track and roaring down the railway! So many plans are coming to fruition all at once, which makes this an exciting time for all of us!

The Food Stamp Friendly Cookbook is published, in the office for distribution, and it is beautiful! These recipes were collected through a US Department of Agriculture Grant, with actual publication sponsored by the Jon Truax Memorial gift. The book is very attractive, nicely done by Truax Printing. We are making the cookbooks available at the food pantries in Loudonville and Perrysville, at Helping Hand, and at our office at no charge to our clients. We will also be offering them for a donation of \$5.00 at several venues at the Street Fair.

We have firmed up our alliance with Safe Haven. Brochures and information are available at our office for clients who need immediate service for rape, domestic violence or stalking. Safe Haven reports the ability to have one of their advocates in Loudonville or Perrysville within half an hour to ensure the safety of women in crisis. Advocates will go with women to medical appointments, court hearings, etc.

Educational Coordinator Kathy Adams is working now with Safe Haven to bring advocate training to Loudonville after the first of the year.

We are also happy to report that all systems are "go" for our collaboration with Salvation Army. Our CHM staff will double as Salvation Army staff during our regular hours of operation. Salvation Army will fund utility bills, a category upon which we spent \$7000.00 in 2012. This not only frees up that money for other CHM expenditures, it also puts us in excellent grant writing position. Grant funders are concerned about duplication of services, and the clear delineation of who is funding what in this collaboration will resonate very well with grant makers. Additionally, Salvation Army is the largest charitable organization in the country with considerable name recognition. Our collaboration with them will undoubtedly serve us well as we approach larger grant makers outside our home community.

Office Manager Pat Reiter has agreed to serve as Welfare Secretary (their term for Office Manager). Karen McClure will continue to serve as Treasurer of CHM, and Janice Taylor has agreed to become Salvation Army's treasurer. The CHM Board has opted to do double duty as Salvation Army's Advisory Board. We predict a seamless integration of services, anticipating that the operation will increase our resources without increasing our workload.

These are truly exciting times! Can't wait to see what happens next month!

From the Desk of Pat Reiter